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MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero
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FROM: Administrator, Guam EPA

SUBJECT: Guam Abandoned Derelict Vessel Removal Group 2nd and 3rd Meeting Minutes Summary

Hafa Adai Maha'hâga!

As the lead member of the Guam Abandoned Derelict Vessel (ADV) Removal Group, established by Executive Order (EO) 2020-42, the Guam Environmental Protection Agency (GEPA) is submitting for your review and approval the required meeting minutes and outcomes from the second and third group meetings. The second meeting was held virtually on Thursday, April 22, 2021, and the third meeting was an onsite tour convened by you on Wednesday, October 27, 2021.

Guam ADV Removal Group Meeting #2

In attendance at the second meeting were the following members:

- Rory Respicio, General Manager, Port Authority of Guam
- Dominic Muna, Deputy General Manager, Port Authority of Guam
- Louie Baza, Port Authority of Guam
- Edwin Reyes, Administrator, Guam Coastal Management Program, Bureau of Statistics and Plans
- Jay Gutierrez, Acting Chief, Division of Aquatics and Wildlife, Guam Department of Agriculture
- Walter Leon Guerrero, Administrator, Guam EPA
- Jesse Cruz, Environmental Monitoring and Analytical Services Division Administrator, Guam EPA
- Harry Allen, USEPA Region 9
- Jason Musante, USEPA Region 9
- USEPA Contractors, Weston Solutions and EQM
- US Coast Guard Sector Guam
- GPA could not join due to connectivity issues.

The meeting followed the attached agenda 2 and the main discussion and a summary of the outcomes are presented below.

The first discussion centered on the relocation of the existing IPE fence line to allow the Navy Salvage team access to the ADVs without the necessity of security clearances from the Coast Guard. A separate meeting with GPA, IPE and the Coast Guard will be scheduled to work out issues and submit the required documents.

The second discussion centered around the procurement options for the disposal of solid and metallic waste that will be generated from the removal of the targets. Guam EPA will meet with PAG and GPA separately with to discuss.

A short partner update followed with the following highlights.

- USEPA Region 9 – Project funding is secured. In the process of procuring equipment and supplies for navy Salvage Team. Not expecting to have Monitoring team on Guam at this time. All federal permits have been submitted in support of IRT application
- DoD (CTF73) – The Innovative Readiness Training (IRT) program application has been submitted and under Navy legal review. Is expecting work to begin late July/August as team will be on Guam. Once approved, the IRT will authorize the CTF73 salvage team to conduct the removal work on Guam.
- Remaining partners did not have any additional updates.

The Guam EPA Administrator then provided a summary of the boat tour that was organized for you, the Lieutenant Governor and other ADV group members of the project site and the outer Apra Harbor.

USEPA then requested to stand up a Joint Information Center for this project to coordinate information and media responses. A separate meeting with appropriate POCs is scheduled for May 13, 2021.

A follow-up email to all members would be issued to schedule the next meeting. No other discussions occurred and the second Guam ADV Removal Group meeting was adjourned.

Guam ADV Removal Group Meeting #3

The third Guam ADV Removal Group Meeting occurred the morning of Wednesday, October 27, 2021, at the ADV project site within the Harbor of Refuge, Piti.

In attendance at the third meeting were the following members:

- Governor Lourdes Leon Guerrero
- Lieutenant Governor Joshua Tenorio
- Senior Chief Master Diver Paul Doughtie, Mobile Diving Salvage Unit (MDSU) 1
- Chief Equipment Operator Joshua Mynear, Navy Mobile Construction Battalion 1
- Captain Nicholas Simmons, U.S. Coast Guard Forces Micronesia/Sector Guam
- Commander Gregory Sickels, U.S. Coast Guard Forces Micronesia/ Sector Guam
- Lieutenant Edward Oingerang, U.S. Coast Guard Forces Micronesia/ Sector Guam
- Dominic Muna, Deputy General Manager, Port Authority of Guam
- Steven Philip Carbullido, Guam EPA Board Chairman
- Walter Leon Guerrero, Administrator, Guam EPA
- Jesse Cruz, Guam EPA
- Anna Leon Guerrero, Guam EPA
- Harry Allen, USEPA Region 9 (virtually)
- USEPA Contractor, Weston Solutions
- Sylvia L Ipanag, Environmental Manager, Guam Power Authority
- Noel P. Cruz, Guam Power Authority

The meeting started with a short presentation by the Guam EPA Administrator where he mentioned IRT application was formally approved by the Department of the Navy on September 24, 2021, and then CFT73 mobilized on October 1, 2021, to start the removal project. He also thanked US Coast Guard Sector Guam, GPA and IPE for relocating the existing fence line to create the needed work area. The Navy Salvage Team representative then described the ADV removal operation and its current status. To date, eight of the eleven identified targets have been successfully removed, with the majority of the debris transferred to the PAG staging area.

The following list identifies when the target ADVs were removed.

- 10/04/2021 - #9, #B
- 10/05/2021 - #A
- 10/08/2021 - #6
- 10/12/2021 - #7
- 10/16/2021 - #8
- 10/20/2021 - #1
- 10/22/2021 - #2
- Remaining targets are #3, #4, #5

Congratulatory comments were then provided by yourself and the Lieutenant Governor on the success and the great benefits that will result from this project. The remaining members present all provide feedback on the great achievement this project is and how it could not have been accomplished without the great cooperation and pooling of resources. A short tour of the site was conducted. No other items were discussed and the meeting was adjourned, with the next meeting to be scheduled at a later date.

An audio recording of the second meeting was done and can be provide upon request. A short video of the third meeting was also produced by your office and can be found at the following link. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7BHRt8Jj8H8>

Once we receive your approval, copies of the meeting minutes, all attachments and the audio recording will be posted to the Guam EPA website, as required by the EO.

Thank you for your favorable consideration to this request. Should you have any concerns regarding this matter, please free to contact me at walter.leonguerrero@epa.guam.gov or at (671) 300-4751/52,

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WALTER S. LEON GUERRERO
Administrator

Attachments



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Guam ADV Removal Group

Meeting #2 Agenda

Thursday, April 22, 2021

- New Business
 - Removal Site 1 Fence Line Relocation; GPA Piti Storage Tank Site (Lot #261)
 - Coast Guard MARSEC requirements/notification
 - Survey of new fence placement (GPA/APEC)
 - Permits for Fence construction/relocation (GEPA/APEC)
 - Funding
 - Procurement
 - Salvage Supplies
 - Removal Equipment Rental
 - Disposal Option
- Partner Update:
 - USEPA –
 - CTF73 –
 - USCG –
 - GPA
 - PAG
 - DoAg
 - BSP
 - GEPA
- IRT Application
 - Submitted on April 9, 2021
 - POC for checking Status
 - Letters of Support/Other Items
- Project Funding
 - Federal
 - Local
- Discussion of Disposal Options
 - UMS Hard fill.
 - Sell ADV after Removal
- Other outstanding issues
 - Date next meeting

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Guam ADV Removal Group Meeting #3 Agenda

**Guam Harbor of Refuge, Apra Harbor Piti
Wednesday, October 27, 2021**

- **New Business**
 - **Partner Update:**
 - **GEPA**
 - **CTF73**
 - **USCG**
 - **GPA**
 - **PAG**
 - **DoAg**
 - **BSP**
 - **USEPA – Virtually**
- **Other outstanding issues**
- **Governor Remarks**
- **LT Governor Remarks**
- **Set next Meeting Date**

